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NEBRASKA FBLA RECOGNIZES STATE AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently named students who won state competitive events at the 54th State Leadership Conference in Omaha.

More than 2,400 students and advisers from 140 Nebraska schools attended the conference with students competing in more than 70 chapter, team and individual events. Students placing first, second or third in the competitive events qualified to compete at the national conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 29-July 2.

The 2016-2017 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:

Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School, president
John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School, vice president
Alex Seigel of Bellevue West High School, secretary
Blake Langmack of Columbus Lakeview High School, treasurer
Riley Knust of Tri County High School, reporter
Hundter Biede of Hastings Adams Central High School, parliamentarian

Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser

Dawn Friedrich of Wausa

Nebraska FBLA National Businessperson of the Year

Mrs. Sheri Camp, First Vice President of Morgan Stanley in Des Moines, IA

Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year

Mid America Computer Corporation in Blair, NE

LifeSmarts National Qualifying Team

Brett Petersen and Jacob Sorensen of Blair FBLA

Members receiving first, second and third place awards are:

Accounting I

First place: Hundter Biede of Hastings Adams Central High School
Second place: Sam Klammer of Hastings Adams Central High School

Third place: Emilee Shostrom of Lincoln East High School

Accounting II

First place: Jorge Hernandez of Stanton High School

Second place: Braxtyn DeGloyer of Syracuse High School

Third place: Shaina Lusienski of Ashland-Greenwood High School

Agribusiness

First place: Caleb Krohn of Osmond High School

Second place: Chris Winchester of Omaha Central High School

Third place: Luke Bigelow of Lincoln East High School

American Enterprise Project

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Bellevue East High School

Third place: Fairbury High School

Banking and Financial Systems

First place: Keenan Allen, Ojus Jain, and Andy Zhu of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Maudie Melcher, Inan Bhoopalam, and Enya Zhu of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Grant Biggs, Will Helmer, and Caleb Kromminga of Seward High School

Business Calculations

First place: Emma Thede of Waverly High School

Second place: Rachel Jarvis of Lincoln Northeast High School

Third place: Caleb Krohn of Osmond High School

Business Communication

First place: Justin Brockhaus of Columbus Scotus High School

Second place: Jack Duffy of Kenesaw High School

Third place: Eve Vanderneck of Heartland High School

Business Ethics

First place: Summer Lewin, Alexis Nichelson, and Claire Thomas of Ashland-Greenwood High School

Second place: Austin Allen, Kiley Hixson, and Kelby Roberts of Aurora High School

Third place: Marti Ita, Hannah Smith, and Callie Zeorian of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Business Financial Plan

First place: Terra Newman, Krista Riley, and Brittany Stewart of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Kylee Morris and Alison Arndt of Cozad High School

Third place: Braxtyn DeGloyer, Mitchell McWilliams, and Alyssa Rippe of Syracuse High School

Business Law

First place: Leslie Braun of Heartland High School

Second place: Heidi Strigenz of Platteview High School

Third place: Jordan Strong of Gretna High School

Business Plan

First place: Terra Newman, Krista Riley, and Brittany Stewart of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: McKehna Bartels, Bridgette Jackson, and Jakub VanWesten of Meridian High School

Third place: Chloe Moore and Anna Kastens of Syracuse High School

Client Service

First place: Amelia Hanson of Seward High School

Second place: Brenna Schulte of Auburn High School

Third place: Lindsay Van Ryckeghem of Bellevue East High School

Community Service Project

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Twin River High School

Third place: Wilber-Clatonia High School

Computer Applications

First place: Emma Bjork of Syracuse High School
Second place: Sydney Atkinson of West Boyd High School
Third place: Ben Jahnke of West Point-Beemer

Computer Game and Simulation Programming

First place: Taylor Bernt of Lincoln Southeast High School
Second place: Jacob McGowen and Jorge Luis Pena of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute
Third place: Lemuel Grady, Christian Rivas, and Isaiah San Roman of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute

Computer Problem Solving

First place: Ben Galusha of Seward High School
Second place: Cameron Schildousky of Boone Central High School
Third place: Michael Mason of Lincoln East High School

Cyber Security

First place: Ben Galusha of Seward High School
Second place: Michael Mason of Lincoln East High School
Third place: Jeffrey Vanderhart of Twin River High School

Database Design and Applications

First place: Braxtyn DeGolyer of Syracuse High School
Second place: Luke Vie of Arlington High School
Third place: Meagan Austin of Omaha Mercy High School

Desktop Application Programming

First place: Abel Rivera of Wakefield High School

Digital Video Production

First place: Hunter Koepke, Kade Moural, and Lisa Oswald of Aurora High School
Second place: Josh Behlen, Dakota Fernau, and Brevin Sloup of Seward High School
Third place: Allie Snow and Leia Farrens of Tekamah Herman High School

E-business

First place: Ben Bohling, Tanner Ebeler, and Brittany Stewart of Johnson Brock High School
Second place: Scott Hedglen, Ryan Walter, and Matthew Wittig of Bellevue East High School
Third place: Norah Green, Faith Offner, and Alice Richter of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Economics

First place: Jesse Lin of Lincoln East High School
Second place: Alan Lee of Lincoln East High School
Third place: Keenan Allen of Lincoln East High School

Electronic Career Portfolio

First place: Samantha Young of Syracuse High School
Second place: Jessica Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School
Third place: Kara Zimmerman of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Emerging Business Issues

First place: Jonna Bart, Cassidy Brechbill, and Megan DeVries of Aurora High School
Second place: Grace Althouse, Alexis Campbell, and Jenna Meyer of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Third place: Ellen Dexter and Megan Nicholls of Raymond Central High School

Entrepreneurship

First place: Anna Kastens and Chloe Moore of Syracuse High School
Second place: Ojus Jain, Keenan Allen, and Andy Zhu of Lincoln East High School
Third place: Ethan Hall, Owen Wurst, and Haley Huebert of Heartland High School

FBLA Principles and Procedures

First place: Emma Bjork of Syracuse High School
Second place: Analiese Wiedenbeck of Waverly High School
Third place: Riley Knust of Tri County High School

Future Business Leader

First place: Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School

Second place: Jessica Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Haley Pierce of West Point Beemer High School

Global Business

First place: Emilee Shostrom, Henry Molnar, and Joel Keim of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Kylee Morris, Ashley Burkholder, and Cristina Prado of Cozad High School

Third place: Garrett Uecker, Garrett Orcutt, and Jaedin Switzer of Sandy Creek High School

Graphic Design

First Place Matt Tenopir, Cassie Hixon, Connor O'Toole of Wilber Clatonia High School

Second Place Emma Bjork and Reagan Petersen of Syracuse High School

Third Place Tara Munter and Mary Johnson of Wausa High School

Health Care Administration

First place: Jayden Garrett of Chadron High School

Second place: Jocelyn Daubendiek of Elkhorn High School

Third place: Corbin Johnson of Chadron High School

Help Desk

First place: Luke Bigelow of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Michael Mason of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Tanner Johnson of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute

Hospitality Management

First place: Jessica Barela, Kyla Jackson, and Carlyssa Warner of Bellevue West High School

Second place: Autash Parvanehgohar, Nick Hodge, and Jared Ladd of Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Kaci Waugh, Greta Welch, and Alison Gardner of Chadron High School

Impromptu Speaking

First place: Haley Pierce of West Point Beemer High School

Second place: Robbie Harbin of Bellevue East High School

Third place: John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Insurance and Risk Management

First place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: JT Engberg of Hastings Adams Central High School

Third place: Amanda Engelbart of Malcolm High School

Introduction to Business

First place: Jesse Lin of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Kylie Doupnik of Harvard High School

Third place: Brett Petersen of Blair High School

Introduction to Business Communication

First place: Grayson Wegener of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: Stephanie Lund of Omaha Westside High School

Third place: Jayden Swayze of Hastings Adams Central High School

Introduction to Business Presentation

First place Allison Barney, Ruth Johnson, and Thea McFarland of Wausa High School

Second place Jadyn Cattau, Jacalyn Kliever, and Vanessa Wergin of Aurora High School

Third place Samantha Hipke and Emily Reiser of West Boyd High School

Introduction to Business Procedures

First place Abby Hoppe of Arlington High School

Second place Margaret Lashier of Blair High School

Third place Madi Warrelmann of Malcolm High School

Introduction to Financial Math

First place Brett Petersen of Blair High School

Second place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School
Third place: Grayson Wegener of Lincoln Southwest High School

Introduction to Information Technology

First place: Jack Yalden of Seward High School
Second place: Joshua Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School
Third place: Maxwell Winkler of Hastings Adams Central High School

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

First place: Riley Knust of Tri County High School
Second place: Brett Petersen of Blair High School
Third place: Alek Timm of Arlington High School

Job Interview

First place: Rebekah Larson of Heartland High School
Second place: Jayden Garrett of Chadron High School
Third place: Eve Vanderneck of Heartland High School

Keyboarding Knowledge

First place: Bridget Slagle of Sargent High School
Second place: Ray Neirman of Harvard High School
Third place: Mitchell Lierman of West Point-Beemer High School

Local Chapter Annual Business Report

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Blair High School
Third place: Fillmore Central High School

Management Decision Making

First place: John Willey, Kara Zimmerman, and Tyler Oehlerking of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Henry Molnar, Alan Lee, and Joel Keim of Lincoln East High School
Third place: Owen Wurst, Haley Huebert, and Ethan Hall of Heartland High School

Management Information Systems

First place: Adam Lehechka, Donovan Smith, Mitchell Fisher of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute
Second place: Elijah Kennedy and Yusuf Khan of Auburn High School
Third place: Ben Galusha and Will Brown of Seward High School

Marketing

First place: Jared Bartels, Ben Murphy, and Joe Romsa of Platteview High School
Second place: Cody Wullenwaber, Aarsal Aktar, and Bo Wullenwaber of Bennington High School
Third place: Devan Blancett, Alison Raszler, and Emma Milenkovich of Elkhorn High School

Mobile Application Development

First place: Damion Lewis of Sargent High School
Second place: Tanner Johnson, Matt Huntwork, Ribelino Rodriguez-Sanchez of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute
Third place: Shani Ramirez of Wakefield High School

Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel

First place: Mathias Schulte of Kearney High School
Second place: Alison Raszler of Elkhorn High School
Third place: Kyler Nolan of Seward High School

Microsoft Office Specialist – Word

First place: Devin Favinger of Cozad High School
Second place: Annastasia McCracken of Cozad High School
Third place: Gracelyn Seevers of Seward High School

Network Design

First place: Elijah Kennedy and Yusuf Khan of Auburn High School

Second place: Adam Lehechka, Donovan Smith, Lemuel Grady of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute

Third place: Mason Goodman, Kyle Scheer, and Jacob Garder of Blair High School

Networking Concepts

First place: Ben Galusha of Seward High School

Second place: Donovan Smith of Grand Island Career Pathways Institute

Third place: Michael Mason of Lincoln East High School

Parliamentary Procedure National Team

First place: Abi Sheen of Kearney High School

Second place: Hundter Biede of Hastings Adams Central High School

Third place: Mia Kegley of Kearney High School

Fifth place: Danielle Neugebauer of Lincoln Southwest High School

Parliamentary Procedure Team

First place: Mia Kegley, Sarah McTygue, Abi Sheen, Allison Sheen of Kearney High School

Second place: Stephanie Babella, Caleb Gardner, Jacob Nutter, and Aaron Poppert of Fillmore Central High School

Third place: Kylie Dounnik, Hannah Fields, Carleigh Novak and Margaret Rieckman of Harvard High School

Partnership with Business Project

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Blair High School

Third place: Dundy County Stratton High School

Personal Finance

First place: Bryce Frey of Neligh-Oakdale High School

Second place: Mason Goodman of Blair High School

Third place: Rachel Jarvis of Lincoln Northeast High School

Proofreading

First place: Isac Robertson of Fairbury High School

Second place: Enya Zhu of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Jessilyn Coe of Crete High School

Public Service Announcement

First place: Karissa Jacobsen, Joseph Walther, and Mirjana Walther of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Jac Clements, Shailee Hayek, and John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Allison Barney and Thea McFarland of Wausa High School

Public Speaking I

First place: Alia Hurst of Fillmore Central High School

Second place: Analiese Wiedenbeck of Waverly High School

Third place: Emma Powell of Auburn High School

Public Speaking II

First place: Sam Cross of Hastings Adams Central High School

Second place: Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Emily Zakaras of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Publication Design

First place: Claire Redinger and Mary O'Keeffe of Hastings St. Cecilia High School

Second place: Hannah Jackson and Paige McCaslin of Waverly High School

Third place: Ethan Percival and Halie Lewin of Ashland-Greenwood High School

Sales Presentation

First place: Connor Cross of Laurel-Concord Coleridge High School

Second place: Garrett Orcutt of Sandy Creek High School

Third place: Paige Wergin of Aurora High School

Securities and Investments

First place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: Calen Krohn of Osmond High School

Third place: Thomas Simonson of Blair High School

Spelling

First place: Akshay Sharma of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Norah Green of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Isaac Robertson of Fairbury High School

Sports and Entertainment Management

First place: Brooke Weisheit, Ellie Steingard, and Leslie Braun of Heartland High School

Second place: Courtney Klaasmeyer, Grant Moles, and Natalie Roddy of Johnson County Central High School

Third place: Maddy Schlacter, Allison Connor, and Bo Wullenwaber of Bennington High School

Spreadsheet Applications

First place: Lauren Shackelford of Sandy Creek

Second place: John Alfs of Shickley High School

Third place: Braxtyn DeGolyer of Syracuse High School

Website Design

First place: Brooklyn Stack, Hunter Stack, and Aubree Noble of Chadron High School

Second place: Ben Galusha and Will Brown of Seward High School

Third place: Mallory Foltz, Derek Smith, and Lucas Briggs of Columbus Lakeview High School

Who's Who

Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School

Word Processing

First place: Hannah Lempka of Wilber-Clatonia High School

Second place: Brittany Quiring of Heartland High School

Third place: Kristine Goertzen of Heartland High School

Other Nebraska FBLA state award recognitions include:

Outstanding Chapter Reporter

Emily Vonderfecht of Hastings Adams Central High School

Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Awards

12th Grade – Callie Zeorian of Elmwood-Murdock High School

11th Grade – Hundter Biede of Hastings Adams Central High School

10th Grade – Rachel Kraemer of Arlington High School

9th Grade – Emma Stahlecker of West Boyd Public School

8th Grade – Joseph Hiatt of West Boyd Public School

7th Grade – Lauryn Hoffman of West Boyd Public School

Scholarship Recipients

- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Taylor McHugh of Omaha Marian High School and Samantha Young of Syracuse High School
- FBLA/Gallup \$500 Scholarships: Samantha Young of Syracuse High School and Chris Winchester of Omaha Central High School

March of Dimes Mission Triangle Excellence Award

West Boyd High School

March of Dimes Fundraising Award

1st – Hastings Adams Central High School

2nd – Elkhorn Valley High School

3rd – North Bend Central High School

National Business Achievement Awards, Leader Level

- Alexa Brenn, Annmarie Cedfeldt, Emily Kraemer and Rachel Kraemer of Arlington High School
- Elizabeth Lowe, Layla Parmer, and Zeke Rouse of Conestoga High School
- FayeLee Sanford of Dundy County Stratton High School
- Megan Hawks and John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Hundter Biede and Emily Vonderfecht of Hastings Adams Central High School
- Savannah Brich and Alyssa Miller of Lawrence Nelson High School
- Molly Dane and Lauren Shackelford of Sandy Creek High School
- Shyla Oberhauser and Maddy RInkol of Twin River High School
- Danielle Gilliland and Megan Muller of Wakefield High School
- Whitney Laritson of Waverly High School
- Michaela Lawrence of Weeping Water High School
- Rebeca Hiatt of West Boyd High School

Adviser Service Recognition Awards

- 40 years: Gary Stubbs of Kearney High School
- 30 years: Cindy Talley of Fillmore Central High School
- 20 years: Renae Noble of Chadron High School, Ruth Ziegler of Friend High School, and Susan Wellman of Syracuse High School
- 15 years: Lisa Carder of Boone Central High School and Suzette Cury of Ponca High School
- 10 years: Stacie Loeffelholz of Centura High School, Angie Huskey of Johnson County Central High School, Janelle Seagren of Lyons Decatur Northeast High School, Diana Ingwersen of Plattsmouth High School, and Wade Miller of Seward High School
- 5 years: Pam Sutton of Bennington High School, Elizabeth Rudden of Omaha Skutt Catholic High School, Katie Scott of Aurora High School, Bev Moore of Hastings St. Cecilia High School, Deb Davis of McCool Junction High School, Denise Powers of Omaha Central High School, Jennifer Remmereid of Ord High School, Seth Strouf of Raymond Central High School, Marus Bish of Southwest High School, Sara Fuller of Superior High School, and Mindi Reardon of Twin River High School.

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